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Rotation Adopted!

After five years of discussion and thought, it looks as if Acalanes has adopted class rotation. This system will go a long way towards alleviating the routine of a rigid schedule. It's still too early to tell, but when other schools see how well it's working here, they may pick up the idea from Piedmont where rotation has worked out well.

This year, the issue was first brought up by Glen Schneider, Student Body President, in November 17 meeting of Student Council. It was then discussed and each member brought the idea to his class. The students in the classes voted on the proposal -- to have rotation or not have rotation -- and it passed in almost all classes. They then voted on whether rotation was to follow a daily or weekly plan and the weekly plan carried. The members brought this information back to the December 1st meeting, at which time the representatives voted, for the most part, as their class had voted; Student Council passed it.

Glen Schneider appointed Ken Dodds to head a committee to look into the possible ways of rotating without disturbing double periods and without moving 7th period, but still breaking up the monotony of the day. The committee was composed of 3 seniors: Chairman Ken Dodds and members Jill Ferroglaro and Cynthia Jacobsen; 3 juniors: Tom Hunt, Mo Whiteside, and Nancy

Willis; 3 sophomores: Barbara Campbell, Sue Malin, and Rich Swanberg; and 3 freshmen: Chris Cramer, Sue Roach, and Dave Thompson. This committee of 12 met twice -- once on December 4, when they discussed the merits and the fallacies of the system, and again on December 14, at which time they drew up the proposed rotation plan. These are a few of the advantages that were pointed out: such a system would definitely break up the repetition of the school periods, the system would help to solve the problem of the afternoon classes doing better than the morning classes on the same tests and, with rotation, the person whose schedule is set up with all of his solids in the first four periods of the day won't always have them in the morning and vice-versa. The opposition is composed of quite a few students who feel that changing the order of their day will throw their whole being out of kilter. They also feel that the person with the perfect schedule (all three solids in the afternoon) won't ever have it like that again.

At the next student council meeting, December 15, it was moved and passed that the council adopt the two proposals of the committee: that we use rotations A, B, and C and that this system start on the first day of the first week of the second semester (January 30). On January 9, the faculty voted for the weekly rotation system -- 28-23.

file 13

After much deliberation, the Seniors have decided on Goman's Gay Nineties in San Francisco as the location for their all-night.

Contributions from Contra Costa County schools are helping to rebuild the school house in Aberfan, Wales, which was demolished by the coal slide that also killed many of the town's children early in October.

The Girls' League will have a class competition clothing drive to benefit the children of Appalachia, beginning January 30.

The Propeller Club of the United States is sponsoring an essay contest for junior and senior high school students of public, private, and parochial schools. The essay is to be 1,000 words or less on the theme, "The American Merchant Marine -- Key to Defense and Trade." Various prizes are being offered which may be a short trip on board an American

vessel on our coasts or inland waterways. Entries should be mailed by March 1 to: Contest Chairman, National Headquarters, The Propeller Club of the United States, 17 Battery Place, New York City, New York.

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Senior Play Committee: Charlene Dunn, John Dunston (not pictured) Jane Kneisley, and Terry Plumb with Miss Peggy Rathert, director.

Senior Play Preparations

The Senior Class will present "Ten Little Indians" as their Senior Play on May 19 and 20. The play was chosen by the Senior Play Committee, composed of Mr. Garold Meinke and Miss Peggy Rathert, both English teachers, and Charlene Dunn, John Dunston, Jane Kneisly, and Terry Plumb.

Character sketches will be distributed on January 30 so that those who wish to may choose the character whom they would like to portray. Try-out parts will then be distributed and try-

outs will begin Feb. 16. Committee chairmen will be chosen immediately following try-outs.

A committee composed of Charlene Dunn, student director, Mr. Meinke, Miss Rathert, director, and Mr. Reeves, director of the All-School Play, will review the try-outs. Rehearsals will then begin the week of March 27.

"Ten Little Indians" is a murder mystery written by the British authors, Agatha Christie. The drama has also been published as a novel and a movie, entitled "And Then There Were None" has been produced.

NEWS FROM YOUTH COUNCIL

The teen survey sponsored by the Lafayette Youth Council has been completed, and the following is an interpretation of what was said by Lafayette teens:

"Most of the responses and solutions indicate that youth feel that the community of Lafayette, and its adults, do not provide adequate attractions for youth. The survey indicates that youth desire a milieu which is somewhere between freedom and restriction. That is, they want independence; yet, they also wish to increase the level of involvement with the adults and the community."

To help bridge the communications gap between adults and teenagers a panel discussion is planned for February. This discussion will be between teenagers and adults. Topics will deal with problems of teenagers such as curfew and smoking.

A Personality Development Program for girls will begin in February and will be taught by Mrs. Wilma Wright of Diablo Valley College.

Course will include hair styling, make-up, clothing, a study of color schemes for the individual, and etiquette. A sign-up is being conducted for girls at intermediate and high schools in the area to find out how many are interested in participating.

A piece of property is being purchased for the Teen Drop-In Center. The project is being sponsored by the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church.



Maria

Welcomed

During the last week of December, Maria Contreras arrived at Oakland Airport from Chile. She is one of a group of students participating in the "Youth for Understanding" program which is sponsored by the Rotary Club. Maria will spend the next six months with the family of Barbara and Linda Barcelon.

The Chilean School system is based on six years of courses for young children and six years more which includes high school for older students. Maria took thirteen subjects, but went to seven classes a day on a rotating schedule. Here at Acalanes, Maria is taking French, Public Speaking, English III, United States History, Study, Physiology, and Girls' Physical Education.

The weather in Chile is quite similar to the weather in Lafayette, even though there it is now summer. This year Maria will be going to school all year around since she is now on her summer vacation. After Maria graduates from her own school in Chile she will take entrance examinations in order to enter the University of Chile.

Calendar

January

- 20 Basketball -- Piedmont -- Here
- 23-26 Finals
- 27 End of First Semester -- HOLIDAY
- Basketball -- Miramonte -- There
- Wrestling -- Miramonte -- Here
- 31 Basketball -- Alhambra -- Here

Wrestling -- Alhambra -- -- There

February

- 3 Basketball -- Las Lomas -- -- Here
- Wrestling -- Del Valle -- There
- 7 Wrestling -- Las Lomas -- -- Here
- Basketball -- Del Valle -- There
- 10 Basketball -- Del Valle -- There
- 11 F.A.L. Wrestling Meet -- Alhambra
- 13 Lincoln's Birthday -- HOLIDAY
- 14 Basketball -- Campolindo -- -- Here
- 17 Basketball -- Piedmont -- There
- 18 North Coast Division 2 Wrestling Meet.

Here And Everywhere

Alhambra High School's Girls' League conducted a "Penny-post" before Christmas. For those who were incapable of spending five cents per stamp for their Christmas cards, the Girl's League offered an inter-school post office.

Rio Vista High School conducted a Computer Dance in Dec. Besides processing test scores, IBM machines are now processing dates.

Iolani School in Hawaii held a Rocket Club Launching (they launched rockets not the club.) Live insects were used as cargo in some of the home-made rockets.

Del Valle is planning to have an AM-FM Radio station, so tune in your radio and increase the volume and you just might pick them up.

question man

Do you think women should be drafted?

John Allen -- sophomore: No, I don't think that men should be drafted either.

Mike Boyd -- junior: No, because they are women and women aren't supposed to fight wars.

Gary Conrad -- sophomore: Yes, I think that the women should be up in the lines because the enemy wouldn't want to kill them.

Phil Johnson -- senior: I don't think that women should be drafted unless there is a need for them. It would be good if they did the secretarial work and jobs like that.

Dave McCann -- junior: Yes, because they're better dirty fighters.

Nancy Miller -- sophomore: No, women should stay home.

Chuck Nagy -- junior: No. If we ever have to, that's O.K. but we don't have the need.

Rochette Orr -- senior: Everyone should be drafted if we have the need. (except me).

This Is Acalanes

By Peter Jay

When, in the course of human events, that great conspiracy that has spread involuntary servitude in our young lives goes too far into the Red, changes are necessary!

Big Brothers of Education have it all figured out: Males will recite "MacBeth" on the battlefields of Vietnam; females will recite field hockey rules to their future children instead of bedtime stories.

I realize East German officials keep fields plowed on the wrong side of The Wall to help prevent escapes -- but really, at Acalanes?



Peter Jay(?)

Is it true that the College Board Test is why we go to high school? (Too much knowledge is a bad thing.)

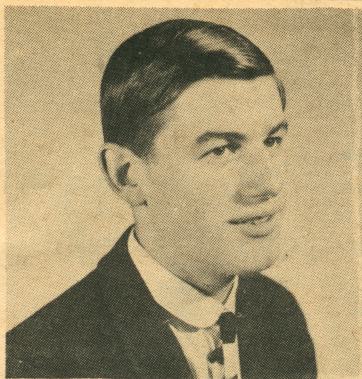
Only six out of a specific study hall class can be privileged enough to go to the library. Library officials are even now making arrangements to have installed new quick-closing doors. This will deal with the ever-increasing problem of the exceptionally agile students who now sneak into the library after the first fifteen minutes of lunch -- no matter what bell schedule. What happens in case of fire?

There is a rumor to the effect that the cafeteria staff has just purchased an old electron microscope tissue cutter to slice tomato sections. (Who has to "squeeze, cut, and trim?")

The show of force at each school dance has a specific purpose. It is for our own benefit -- besides, Ronald Reagan got elected. One man in blue in an exclusive interview stated in vivid detail exactly how he would deal with some of us "punks" behind the gym. Faster than due process of law, quicker than the Supreme Court, able to take appropriate action in a single bound -- forces of Good in conjunction with the Parents' Club have defined obscenity as "no splits." (I thought Proposition 16 got defeated?)

It was rumored that teachers who have taught at Acalanes more than fifteen years are receiving anniversary awards engraved with the words, "Don't Rock the Boat."

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Lor Shepard

ACALANES WELCOMES LOR

What's the biggest difference between Acalanes and the school Lor Shepard went to in New Zealand? "Christ's College is grey," Lor said. Many of the school buildings are school-gothic, and the original buildings are 150 years old. The school's colors are black and white. All the boys must wear charcoal grey suits to school, but the sports uniform is pop-art -- a black and white vertically striped jacket, a horizontally striped tie, and a straw hat -- a "boater."

"The College" stands in a park. The buildings are not heated, and the boys can only wear a prescribed uniform. Lor had to ride a bicycle one and one-half miles to school every morning, and the weather was simply cold."

The "masters" at this six-day a-week boys' school (there aren't even women teachers) teach from elevated podiums similar to the one in 208, and there is absolutely no discussion with the teacher about anything he has said. In fact, when one raises his hand to attract the teacher's attention and is noticed, the question begins and ends with "Sir."

The discipline in the school is administered by boys called prefects. Lor was a prefect, but "The Yank's a softie." Lor doesn't approve of huge boys beating small ones with a cane.

"The College" is an Anglican school in a conservative Anglican land. It is called "The Eton of the South Pacific." It was started 150 years ago as a school for the ministry.

Lor's New Zealand father is a "successful businessman," -- ask Lor what that means. Lor was son "3A" in a family of 5 boys and one girl. He was the first AFS American at Christ's College, and the school didn't have an AFS club.



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21-Feb. 12--"Pop and Op Graphics" at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

22--The Monkees in their first California stage appearance at the Cow Palace beginning at 3 p.m.

22--Emlyn Williams -- "Dickens." Emlyn Williams recreates Charles Dickens' performances when he toured America. On TV from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

23-28--D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. The renowned London-based Gilbert and Sullivan repertory company. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary Street.

24--"Essay on Women." Harry Reasoner and Andrew Rooney review women's dissatisfaction with themselves. On TV from 10-10:30 p.m.

26--"The People Trap." ABC Stage 67 drama of the population-choked U.S. in the year 2067. Starring Stuart Whitman and Vera Miles. 10-11 p.m.

28--The Kingston Trio. Masonic Auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

29--The Vienna Choir Boys at the Opera House beginning at 3 p.m.

29--"The Royal Palace." This program will present the history of the British monarchy through six royal palaces. For the first time, TV cameras will be allowed in the Royal Palaces to record the exceptional works of art, crafts, and decoration. NBC-TV, 10 p.m.

29--"Sights and Sounds of San Francisco." Bell Telephone Hour looks at the city's opera, ballet, symphony, and jazz. NBC-TV, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

29--"The Final War of Olly Winter." CBS Playhouse premieres with this new play by Ronald Ribman. CBS-TV, 9-10:30 p.m. February 2--David Frost's Night Out. A tour of London with Laurence Olivier, Peter O'Toole, Billy Graham. Stage 67, ABC-TV, 10-11 p.m.

2--"Abe Lincoln in Illinois." Hallmark Hall of Fame -- Jasen Roberts stars in Robert Sherwood's Pulitzer Prize winning story of the youth of our 16th President. ABC-TV, 9:30-10:30 p.m.

3--Jose Greco at the Masonic Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.

3-12--San Francisco Sports and Boat Show at the Cow Palace.

5--"Indonesia." The Troubled Victory. The concluding chapter of NBC New's 3-part study of American involvement in the Far East.

7,8,9--Oakland Symphony conducted by Gerhard Samuel presents Mozart's Overture to "The Magic Flute;" Schumann's Cello Concerto in A minor; Beethoven's "Grosse Fuge," op. 133; and Copland's Short Symphony. Leonard Rose is the featured cellist.



Bea Anderson

Bea In Denmark

The following are excerpts from the letters of Bea Anderson, Acalanes American Field Service exchange student to Denmark.

Denmark (or rather Danmark) is indescribably beautiful. It is a relatively flat land with gentle rolling hills. Everything is immaculately clean and fresh looking. Even the skip-yards and industrial areas look neat. Many have gardens along the fences. The Danes seem to love flowers. Flowers can be seen from the streets in almost every window. Landscape, due to the time of year and the climate, is like velvet green material. I am amazed at the number of thatched roofs.

School began September 12. On Saturdays, all subjects are given, but for a shorter time so that school is out an hour earlier. Monday and Tuesday, we had just three hours each day. Subjects -- biology, geography, gym, music, Danish, chemistry, physics, math, history, English, and religion."

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I'M DIFFERENT

This is not a protest against the school, for Acalanes is one of the best high schools academically and athletically that one could attend. This is a protest against the gross ignorance of human nature that can be found at this school. This ignorance creates social levels between those individuals who dare to be different and the "in" group. I, and others, are struggling, sometimes desperately, to understand what is in our minds, and what is in our souls. We can't rush, blindly following the leader, to crowd the new gym and to enthusiastically cheer our team on to victory.

I am not popular. I only state this fact now because it affects my judgement. I am one small person and I am trying to make one small attempt to say it as I feel it. I believe that anyone who wishes to grow in maturity and understanding should love people. He should understand that everyone is different and unique.

Because not all of us can express "normally" every urge and emotion of a human being, there is an infinite number of doors that are open for unthinking and unquestioning sheep to pass through. All of these doors lead to either a heaven or a hell. If a person is forced to choose, a door where he is dissatisfied with the standard mode of speech, clothing, or morals, he immediately seeks others like him, who want off at the next stop. Through simple misconceptions and misunderstandings, this group is compelled to defend its beliefs and its actions by defiantly transmitting the idea of, "Well, what are you going to do about it?" Who is to tell you that you are wrong? ---anonymous.

TIPS TO LOOK TOPS by

Arlene Badei



Modern fashion dictates pierced ears, for those girls who haven't quite gotten into the fashion known, the SELF PIERCER, a quick, safe, and painless way of piercing ears, will be welcomed. Simply apply the SELF PIERCER, two 14-kt. gold wires, to the ears, locating them in the desired position for penetration. Allow the SELF PIERCER to remain in the same location until the pressure of the earwires gradually pierce the ears -- usually two to seven days. The SELF PIERCER, which is available at ACALANES PHARMACY, costs only \$2, a small price to pay for the newest look in fashion!

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And, for those girls who want to give their guys a little something extra, cufflinks (\$5-\$30) and ID bracelets (\$4.95-\$17.95) can also be purchased at ACALANES PHARMACY.

(Editor's note: Portions of the preceding letter were deleted due to lack of space. We hope we have not in any way changed the author's intent.)

MON DIEU

Concerning the assinine bit of dribble published under the title of "Letter From the Editors," I should like to point out a few of the cold, hard facts of life. If you dare to ask people for their opinions, don't be surprised if they disagree with yours. Obviously you drew no valid conclusions from your so-called "seriously intended questionnaire." So why publish any answer? May I quote you? "Mon Dieu." -- Evan Wallach.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

As a self-considered responsible student at Acalanes, I would like to know why the members of the Student Body, or a vast majority of them, do not know how their Student Council Representatives vote. How do we know how they vote on issues that vitally concern all the Student Body? What is the function, explicitly, of the Student Council "alternates" and when do they take over for one of the other representatives? Why was the "Vote of Confidence" motion not passed?

Ed. -- That the Student Council voting records be made available to the Student Body, is, indeed, important to every "responsible" student. I would advise you to speak to your representative about proposing such a measure.

The student body constitution contains no explanation of the

function of student council "alternates."

The Vote of Confidence measure was not passed due to lack of support in the Student Council. As a rule, elected officials do not vote for measures which could possibly lead to their removal from office.

This Is Acalanes

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News sources have revealed the story of the year. It seems recently a half-drowned freshman with a broken leg was found unconscious in Student Square. He apparently had the misfortune to have fallen asleep on the lawn at lunch time. Not being aware, he was run over by a lawnmower and nearly drowned when the sprinklers were turned on.

Clearly the oppressors have survived long enough! Students of the school unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains!

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DONS OFF TO ROCKY START

Acalanes Drops 3 F.A.L. Tilts

After starting off slowly, the San Ramon Wolves came back to defeat the Acalanes Dons 55-50, Tuesday afternoon at Lafayette.

San Ramon's ability to control the offensive boards, along with consistent outside shooting by Jim Scott, proved to be the margin of difference in a game which looked like a possible Acalanes "laugher" during the opening minutes of play.

The Dons captured the opening tip and Jeff Borowiak put the Lafayette "5" in front 2-0 as he scored on a jump shot. With 4:31 remaining in the first quarter, Acalanes had an 8-0 lead as the Wolves couldn't find the range.

However, the Lobos fought back and were within two, 13-11, as the buzzer sounded ending the first eight minutes of action. After Al Ghysels tied things up 17-17 with a fade-away jumper, Doug Leonard put the Dons in front 18-17 on a free-throw. Acalanes never led again as Scott put the Wolves ahead 19-18 with 5:07 left in the half.

By halftime, San Ramon had run up a 32-26 lead. Acalanes came within one point early in the fourth quarter, but the Wolves ran off six straight points putting the game out of reach.

High scorer for the Dons was Les Silva with 13, while Borowiak had 12 and Leonard 11.

San Ramon . . . 11 21 8 15--55
Acalanes 13 13 9 15--50

Taking advantage of Acalanes' inability to score during the second and third quarters, the Del Valle Trojans scored their first league win as they trounced the Dons 58-43, last Friday night at Lafayette.

As the second quarter began, Acalanes had 15-10 lead, but the Trojans came back strong. With four minutes left in the half, Gerald Johnston tied things up 17-17 with a twenty foot jump shot.

After the Dons failed to score, Johnston put another two points through the net for the Trojans giving them a 19-17 lead. Silva knotted things up again, but once more, Johnston scored a crucial basket putting the Walnut Creek cagers in front 21-19 with 3:00 left in the half.

The Dons never led again as the Trojans surged ahead 25-19 on two lay-ups by Muther.

As the final buzzer sounded, Trojan Oscar Conception casually tossed the ball from half-court almost making two points. It was that kind of game for Del Valle, and as for the Dons . . . well, it was Friday the 13th. Del Valle . . . 10 17 16 -- 58
Acalanes . . . 15 6 6 16 -- 43



In Lafieta Square
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By Gary Beaumont
A Look At The Frosh

The '66-67 freshman team is, according to Coach White, the most aggressive and well-balanced ever to appear at Acalanes. Their aggressiveness has payed-off as a tenacious man-to-man defense is the key to their spotless 4-0 record.

Brian Caralan and John Favors are the team's strong scorers. Caralan, Favors, and Jeff Holmes lead the team in the rebounding department. Dave Rommerheim is an expert on drives, and Curtis Howard is a ball hawk who can make timely steals. Finally, the team's top ball-handler is Sargen Wright, and its all-around utility man is Doug Burrows.

Although Mr. White has some reservations about the team's shooting achievements, he believes strongly that the freshman squad points the way to a bright basketball future for Acalanes.

League Standings

The basketball situation (as of last week) forshadows a real F.A.L. battle.

Miramonte	3-0
Piedmont	3-0
Alhambra	2-0
Las Lomas	2-1
Del Valle	1-2
San Ramon	1-2
Acalanes	0-3
Campolindo	0-3

Better Late Than Never . .

All-league pitcher Jim Lavick finally received his certificate four weeks ago. Apparently, his award was lost in the shuffle and he had to settle for a copy.

A Baseball Tournament?

Acalanes' championship baseball team was invited to participate in the Harry Ell's Invitational Baseball Tournament in Richmond. However, F.A.L. league rules prohibit participation in Eastern tournaments. Therefore, this year's baseball coach, Jerry Sharpe, is hoping to organize a league tourney.

"Mongrel Horde" vs. J.V.'s

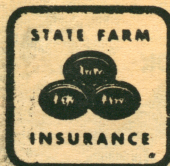
The Mongrel Horde, hampered chiefly by the erratic passing of Ken Vivrette, were over-run in an exhibition game with the Junior Varsity over the Christmas holiday.

Rob Prepares U.C.L.A.

Rob Disharoon, former Acalanes Vice President now attending U.C.L.A., has frequent one-on-one's with Lew Alcindor (at least according to Rob).

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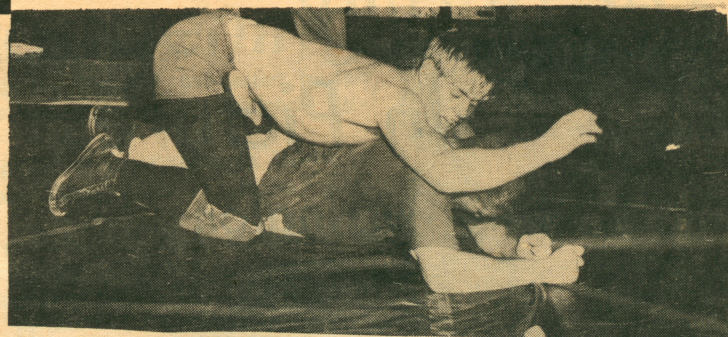
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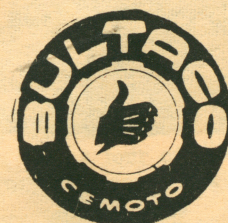
Grapplers Seek Title

Acalanes' fine wrestling team coached by Erwin Mattson hopes to continue its fine tradition this year, as the Don grapplers seek another championship season.

The Don's mentor singled out John Finch and Al Hauskens. At the Hollister classic, John finished first in the 154-pound division, while Al took second in the 138-pound division.

Then, Coach Mattson continued to say that injuries were the key reason for the early season sub-par team effort. However, the Coach stated that the team was expected to be at full strength for the league opener against San Ramon.

Coach Mattson turned out to be prophetic, as the Dons wrecked the Wolves 34-16, in the league opener for both squads.



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